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In The Claims

Listing of Claims:

1. (currently amended) Method for recording information on a record carrier in response to a format command or a close track session command, the method comprising: ~~the steps of~~
 - ~~receiving a format command to apply a format to the record carrier in preparation of the recording of user data or a command to a close track session command, and~~
 - ~~writing data blocks in response to the format command or close track session command, and characterized in that~~
 - ~~wherein if a write error occurs in response to the format command or close track session command in a data block comprising unused information the write error is ignored.~~
2. (currently amended) Method as claimed in claim 1, ~~characterized in that wherein~~ when the write error is ignored no error is reported
3. (currently amended) Method ~~as claimed in claim 1~~ for recording information on a record carrier in response to a format command or a close track session command, the method comprising:
 - ~~receiving a format command or a close track session command, and~~
 - ~~writing data blocks in response to the format command or close track session command, and~~
 - ~~wherein if a write error occurs in response to the format command or close track session command in a data block comprising unused information the write error is ignored, and~~ ~~characterized in that~~
 - ~~wherein the data block comprising unused information is comprised in a lead-in or a lead-out.~~
4. (currently amended) Method as claimed in claim 3, ~~characterized in that wherein~~ the unused information is a reserved block.
5. (currently amended) Method for recording information on a record carrier in response to a format command or a close track session command, the method comprising:
 - ~~receiving a format command or a close track session command, and~~
 - ~~writing data blocks in response to the format command or close track session command, and~~
 - ~~wherein if a write error occurs in response to the format command or close track session command in a data block comprising unused information the write error is ignored, and as claimed in claim 1,~~ ~~characterized in that~~
 - ~~wherein the unused information is comprised in a data area and that the unused information comprises a data block filled with all zeros~~

6. (currently amended) Method for recording information on a record carrier in response to a format command or a close track session command, the method comprising:

- receiving a format command or a close track session command, and
- writing data blocks in response to the format command or close track session command, and

wherein if a write error occurs in response to the format command or close track session command in a data block comprising unused information the write error is ignored, and as claimed in claim 1, characterized in that

wherein the record carrier is a write once record carrier and the unused information is not comprised in an inner-disc count zone, or in a recorded area indicator, or in a control data block, or in a table of contents, or in a SDBC, or in a session control data or an outer disc administration zone

7. (currently amended) Method for recording information on a record carrier in response to a format command or a close track session command, the method comprising:

- receiving a format command or a close track session command, and
- writing data blocks in response to the format command or close track session command, and

wherein if a write error occurs in response to the format command or close track session command in a data block comprising unused information the write error is ignored, and as claimed in claim 1, characterized in that

wherein the record carrier is a rewriteable record carrier and the unused information is not comprised in an inner disc identification zone or in a control data zone or in an outer disc identification zone.

8. (currently amended) Recorder for recording information on a record carrier in response to a ~~format~~ command to apply a format to the record carrier in preparation of the recording of user data or a command to close a track session command, the recorder comprising:

an interface, and

a processor coupled to ~~an~~ the interface for receiving ~~a~~ the format command or a the close track session command through the interface and coupled to writing means for writing data blocks in response to the format command or close track session command, and characterized in that

wherein the processor is operative to ignore an error when an error occurs while writing data blocks in response to the format command or close track session command in a data block comprising unused information.

9. (currently amended) Recorder as claimed in claim 8, characterized in that wherein when an error is ignored the processor is operative to suppress an error report

10. (currently amended) Recorder for recording information on a record carrier in response to a format command or a close track session command, the recorder comprising:

an interface, and

a processor coupled to the interface for receiving a format command or a close track session command through the interface and coupled to writing means for writing data blocks in response to the format command or close track session command, and

wherein the processor is operative to ignore an error when an error occurs while writing data blocks in response to the format command or close track session command in a data block comprising unused information, and as claimed in claim 8, characterized in that

wherein the data block comprising unused information is comprised in a lead-in or a lead-out.

11. (currently amended) Recorder for recording information on a record carrier in response to a format command or a close track session command, the recorder comprising:

an interface, and

a processor coupled to the interface for receiving a format command or a close track session command through the interface and coupled to writing means for writing data blocks in response to the format command or close track session command, and

wherein the processor is operative to ignore an error when an error occurs while writing data blocks in response to the format command or close track session command in a data block comprising unused information, and as claimed in claim 10, characterized in that

wherein the unused information is a reserved block.

12. (currently amended) Recorder for recording information on a record carrier in response to a format command or a close track session command, the recorder comprising:

an interface, and

a processor coupled to the interface for receiving a format command or a close track session command through the interface and coupled to writing means for writing data blocks in response to the format command or close track session command, and

wherein the processor is operative to ignore an error when an error occurs while writing data blocks in response to the format command or close track session command in a data block comprising unused information, and as claimed in claim 8, characterized in that

wherein the unused information is comprised in a data area and that the unused information comprises a data block filled with all zeros

13. (currently amended) Recorder for recording information on a record carrier in response to a format command or a close track session command, the recorder comprising:

an interface, and

a processor coupled to the interface for receiving a format command or a close track session command through the interface and

coupled to writing means for writing data blocks in response to the format command or close track session command, and

wherein the processor is operative to ignore an error when an error occurs while writing data blocks in response to the format command or close track session command in a data block comprising unused information, and as claimed in claim 8, characterized in that

wherein the record carrier is a write once record carrier and the unused information is not comprised in an inner-disc count zone, or in a recorded area indicator, or in a control data block, or in a table of contents, or in a SDBC, or in a session control data or an outer disc administration zone

14. (currently amended) Recorder for recording information on a record carrier in response to a format command or a close track session command, the recorder comprising:

an interface, and

a processor coupled to the interface for receiving a format command or a close track session command through the interface and coupled to writing means for writing data blocks in response to the format command or close track session command, and

wherein the processor is operative to ignore an error when an error occurs while writing data blocks in response to the format command or close track session command in a data block comprising unused information, and as claimed in claim 8, characterized in that

wherein the record carrier is a rewriteable record carrier and the unused information is not comprised in an inner disc identification zone or in a control data zone or in an outer disc identification zone.

15. (new) Method for recording information on a record carrier in response to a format command or a close track session command, the method comprising:

- a processor receiving a command from an interface to apply a format to the record carrier in preparation of the recording of user data or a command to a close track session, and
- the processor writing data blocks in response to the format command or close track session command, and

wherein the processor is operative to ignore an error when an error occurs while writing data blocks in response to the format command or close track session command in a data block comprising unused information, then the error is ignored.

16. (new) Recorder for recording information on a record carrier in response to a command to apply a format to the record carrier in preparation of the recording of user data or a command to close a track session, the recorder comprising:

an interface, and

a processor coupled to the interface for receiving the format command or the close track session command through the interface and coupled to writing means for writing data blocks in response to the format command or close track session command, and

wherein if a write error occurs in response to the format command or close track session command in a data block comprising unused information the write error is ignored.